

August 23, 2001 Meeting Highlights

Eligible Partners, Capital Improvements and Fixed Assets:

The Commission affirmed the original intent of its strategic plan and subsequent Request for Results to consider the following as eligible to receive funding:

- Private Non-Profit 501 (3)
- Private For Profit
- Public Agencies
- Non-incorporated groups/organizations that have a legal entity as a fiscal sponsor.

Regardless of which category a partner falls under, all applications for capital improvements exceeding \$50,000 or fixed assets totaling in excess of \$10,000 will be considered for collateralized loans instead of grants or a combination thereof.

All applications that request fixed assets and/or capital improvements will be considered on a "case-by-case" basis. An ad hoc review committee may be formed by the Commission to make recommendations on case by case proposals to ensure expertise relevant to the particular application.

New Request for Results:

- The Committee approved the release of a new Request for Results (R4R) process be initiated in October 2001 with a timeline that allows funding to flow by the first of the year or soon thereafter.

- The new Request for Results will include a provision that applications for \$5,000 or less may be received at anytime during the year. These applications will use the same R4R outcome-based format and be subject to the same evaluation and fiscal accountability as the regular funding cycle. The applications will have no deadline, however, and will be reviewed by CFC staff, consultant and at least one Commissioner. Recommendations would be made to the Commission at the earliest possible Commission meeting following review (and allowing for appropriate community involvement and required Brown Act notices).
- To allow for long-term sustainability of the Children and Families Trust Fund, the new R4R will be released in the amount of \$500,000, of this amount, \$100,000 will be set-aside to fund applications for \$5,000 or under.

Placer Commission Retreat:

The Commission has been very productive and involved in a lot of change over the last year. It is a strategic time for a Commission workshop so that Commissioners can reflect on the past year, assess current issues/opportunities, and plan for the future. This would be a one-day facilitated meeting held offsite. A committee of Ray Merz and Harriet White will work with a facilitator to plan the agenda and logistics for this upcoming event.

Additional Funding to Complete the Kid Zone:

The costs for the Kid Zone in the Lake Tahoe area have been higher than what was anticipated when the application was submitted. Also, sewer connection fees have been added that were not figured into the original budget. Although \$100,000 has been raised from the community, the project has a shortfall of approximately \$50,000. The Commission approved an augmentation of \$50,000 to complete this project.

Child Care Retention Incentives Plan:

The Commission approved the plan and an allocation of \$300,000 for two years to fund this multi-level stipend plan to help retain child care workers. The plan will be submitted and operated by the Local Child Care Planning Council. For more information about the plan contact Francine Nunes at 530.886.4960 or email fnunes@placercoe.k12.ca.us.

State CFC School Readiness Initiative:

The purpose of this initiative is to provide every county Commission with funding to "improve the ability of families, schools, and communities to prepare children to enter school ready to succeed." Funding can be used for the delivery of quality early care and education, health and social services, and parental education/involvement. Placer County is eligible to receive up to \$195,797 for four years. Planning money can be requested right away. The funding is limited to communities served by schools in the "lowest 3 deciles of the Academic Performance Index (API)."

According to the State CFC, the only school in Placer County that meets this criterion is the Kings Beach Elementary School. The Commission requested that the advisory committee of the Children's Collaborative at Tahoe Truckee review the state School Readiness application packet and advise the Commission on how to proceed. For more information contact Phebe Bell at ttchn@sierra.net.

Meeting with Nevada County Commission:

The Nevada County Children and Families Commission invited the Placer Commission to an informal lunch and discussion on September 10 at the North Tahoe Conference Center. This is an opportunity to discuss potential areas of collaboration in the Tahoe Truckee area. Commissioners Ray Merz, Jill Johnson Harper, and Richard Burton will attend.

Filling the Vacant Commission Seat:

The Commission received six new applications for the vacant seat. And six applications were carried over from 1999 for a total of twelve (12) applicants to be considered to fill the seat. A committee of Joe DePietro and Jill Johnson Harper will meet to review the applications and make a recommendation to the Commission on how to proceed.

New state reporting guidelines and timeline:

The State Children and Families Commission released reporting requirements that each local Commission must follow. The report needs to be submitted to the state by October 15. The Placer Commission will hold a public hearing on its report on October 11, 2001

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on September 13, 2001 in the large conference room at the Placer County Children's System of Care - 11716 Enterprise Drive - Auburn